# INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

**Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Peace Officer, 245(a) (2) PC., Deputy Involved Shooting, Suspect Injured**

**D/T: 05-20-2004 (Thursday) @ 2209 Hours**
**IAB FILE # SH 2119005**
**File # 004-08603-2117-051**

OPENING STATEMENT:
On Thursday, May 20, 2004, Sergeant John Harris, Sergeant Rick Smith and Lieutenant Greg Johnson of the Internal Affairs Bureau responded to the City of Lynwood after being notified of a deputy involved hit shooting.

SYNOPSIS:
Late in the evening of May 20, 2004, Christopher Daniels, a "Mob Piru" gang member and active parolee, was involved in an altercation in front of the "[redacted]" liquor store located at [redacted] Long Beach Boulevard in the City of Lynwood. Daniels left the scene, retrieved a hand gun and returned to the liquor store along with [redacted], a juvenile who was also armed. Seeing the persons with whom he had the altercation with, Daniels opened fired. The victims, seated in their car, sped away, south on Long Beach Boulevard.

Deputy Jonathan Cooper (Century Unit 212T2) was handling a traffic stop in the area of Long Beach Boulevard and Cedar Avenue when he heard a gunshot. Looking south, Deputy Cooper saw two males *(later identified as Daniels and* [redacted]) and saw a muzzle flash and heard 3-4 more additional gunshots. Deputy Cooper believed the males were shooting at a single vehicle, which he saw speed away southbound on Long Beach Boulevard. Deputy Cooper got into his radio car and drove south toward the liquor store. When Deputy Cooper got there, the male suspect's (Daniels and [redacted]) were gone. After checking the area, Deputy Cooper put out a radio broadcast and requested additional units to check the area near his location. ***(Refer to the "Yahoo" map, submitted at the conclusion of this investigative summary)***

Deputy Conley and his partner, (Deputy Paul) were driving in their marked black and white patrol car west of Long Beach Boulevard and north of the ultimate shooting location. They monitored a radio transmission from Deputy Cooper and responded to his request to check the area.

Deputy Cooper learned that the shooting apparently involved one or two males who had shot at a small blue compact car that was driving south on Long Beach Boulevard. Deputy Cooper updated his information, informing the responding deputies that the two males observed earlier, where last seen running east, (away from Long Beach Boulevard) possibly on Magnolia Avenue. Deputy Cooper was unclear if the males were the shooters or if someone from the vehicle had fired.

Deputy Conley began driving east on Magnolia Avenue. He was following an additional Century unit (driven by Deputy Spiropoulos). Deputy Conley saw Deputy Spiropoulos travel east to Bullis Road, turn south on Bullis Road and stop.

> ***IAB Note:*** It was later determined that the deputies were actually on Burton Avenue, not Magnolia Avenue. Burton Avenue is one block south of Magnolia Avenue.

Both Deputy Conley and Deputy Spiropoulos turned their vehicles south on Bullis Road, just south of the intersection of Bullis Road and Burton Avenue. Their vehicles were positioned side by side, facing south, with Deputy Conley conversing with Deputy Spiropoulos through the open front passenger (right side) window of his patrol car. As Deputy Conley was talking to Deputy Spiropoulos, Deputy Conley, looked into his rear view mirror and saw two males walking north on the west side of Bullis Road, from Burton Avenue.

Deputy Conley told Deputy Spiropoulos what he saw and Deputy Spiropoulos, placed his unit in reverse and backed up a short distance, stopping adjacently to where the suspects were walking (west side of Bullis Road, just north of Burton Avenue) on the sidewalk. Immediately upon stopping, Deputy Spiropoulos exited his radio car and ordered the males to show him their hands and approached the radio car. Deputy Conley, pulled his vehicle forward, made a quick U-turn and approached by driving north on Bullis Road.

At this time, Deputy Spiropoulos' unit was stopped facing south on Bullis Road, with the males on the side walk, just west of his unit. Deputy Conley drove north, slowing down as he approached Deputy Spiropoulos' vehicle.

Deputy Conley saw one of the males (Subject [redacted]) raise his hands as the other male (Suspect Daniels) ran around the front of Deputy Spiropoulos' vehicle and began running east across Bullis Road. Deputy Conley drove toward Suspect Daniels. As he drove near the running Suspect Daniels, Suspect Daniels attempted to leap over the front of Deputy Conley's radio car. Deputy Conley saw Suspect Daniels was carrying a large handgun in his right hand.

Suspect Daniels jumped onto the hood of Deputy Conley's radio car and slid across the hood. Deputy Conley turned the radio car to the right (east), as Suspect Daniels slid off the hood and landed on his feet. Deputy Conley began exiting the radio car, yelling to his partner (Deputy Paul), *"He's got a gun, he's got a gun."* Deputy Conley exited the car, withdrew his handgun and ordered Suspect Daniels to, *"Stop, drop your gun, turn around so I can see you."* Suspect Daniels ignored Deputy Conley's orders and continued to run to the east sidewalk. Deputy Conley said he felt Suspect Daniels was intending on scaling the wrought iron fence on the east side of Bullis Road.

Suspect Daniels ran to the base of the fence, but before climbing over, he turned toward the deputies and raised the gun toward them. Deputy Conley afraid for his life and that of his partner, fired two rounds from his department issued Beretta.

Suspect Daniels was struck with one round in the abdomen and immediately fell to the sidewalk, where he remained until being removed by emergency personnel. ***(Refer to photographs #2 & #5)***

> ***IAB Note:*** On 06-23-04 the victims from the original shooting incident, that were inside of the 1988 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, License #[redacted], at the "2 Boys" liquor store were located. Victim [redacted] MB/24 and Victim [redacted] FB/24 identified Suspect Daniels and Subject [redacted] as the persons who had shot at them. ***(Refer to supplemental reports for additional information).***

On January 12, 2005, Deputy District Attorney Kraig St. Pierre of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office Justice Integrity System opined that Deputy Conley's use of deadly force was both reasonable and lawful. DDA St. Pierre concluded that Deputy Conley was acting in lawful self-defense and the defense of another when he shot Christopher Daniels.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL:

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| **CONLEY, RICHARD L.** | **Deputy #**[redacted] |
| **FOR II, Century Station** | |
| **Date of Employment:** | 10-04-1991 |
| **Date Assigned to Patrol:** | 11-22-1998 |
| **Completed Patrol Training:** | [redacted] |
| **Prior Shooting Incident(s):** | Yes (4) |
| **Prior Founded Force Incidents:** | [redacted] |

SUSPECT

**DANIELS, CHRISTOPHER JOHN,** MB/22 **(In-Custody)**
DOB: 01-04-1982, [redacted]

SUBJECT:

[redacted], MB/17, **(In-Custody)** BKG# 8133040
[redacted]

SWORN WITNESSES:

Deputy Samuel Paul #[redacted]
Deputy John Spiropoulos #[redacted]

## CIVILIAN WITNESSES:

A canvas of neighborhood residents near the shooting scene (Burton Avenue and Bullis Road), by detectives identified several people, who claimed to have heard the sound of gun shots at the time that the shooting occurred. None of the witnessed saw either the detention of Daniels and/or [redacted] or the events that lead up to Suspect Daniels being shot. ***(Refer to supplemental reports for additional information)***

## INJURIES:

Suspect Daniels sustained a single gunshot wound to his abdomen. Investigators learned Suspect Daniels underwent successful surgery for his wound and was listed in stable condition in the ICU at St. Francis Medical Center.

## PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

A semi-automatic pistol, "Beretta,"model 92F, blue steel, serial # [redacted], empty, was collected from the pavement at the west side of the northernmost school building, east of Bullis Road. **(Refer to page #37, Evidence Held, for additional information)**

A semi-automatic pistol, "Astra" Constable modle, blue steel, 22 caliber. Serial number [redacted] loaded with (7) live .22 caliber, long rifles cartridges in the magazine was recovered from the south edge of the sidewalk, west of the pedestrian gate, south of [redacted].

## INVESTIGATORS OBSERVATIONS, SCENE DESCRIPTION:

The shooting occurred on Bullis Road, [redacted] of Burton Avenue in the city of [redacted]. Bullis Road is a north/south running street, with [redacted] High School located directly [redacted] of where the shooting occurred. Bullis Road is a well traveled artery into the city, which is often used as an alternative to Atlantic Avenue or Long Beach Boulevard. The west side of Bullis Road at this location consists of single family residences. Lighting is provided by city street lights, which is some what negated by large trees that are growing along the sidewalk.

## WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL:

**CONLEY JR, RICHARD L.**
**Date Employee Last Qualified** [redacted]
**Date Last Trained with Weapon:** [redacted]
***(Fired two rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued 9mm semiautomatic Beretta, Model 92F, Serial # BER 114213Z)***

## WEAPON USED BY THE SUSPECT:

On May 21, 2004 at 0345 hours, Investigators contacted [redacted], (DOB: [redacted]) at his residence located at [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] indicated he had been the victim of a residential burglary on May 3, 2004, in which both weapons used in this case were stolen from his

residence.

Mr. [redacted] provided Investigators with a copy of the residential burglary report, under Sheriff's File # [redacted], which listed both weapons as stolen. Mr. Hernández identified the Semi-auto .22 caliber pistol and also provided a dealers report of sale for the "Beretta" 9mm handgun.

## PROPERTY DAMAGE:

No reported property damage.

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS:

**Sergeant Marsh** and **Sergeant MacArthur** were assigned as the lead investigators. Sergeant Kent Wegener was assigned the responsibility of documenting the crime scene and Detective Barron conducted a neighborhood canvass of the immediate area. Investigators Wegener and Barron were detailed to conduct the deputy involved shooting scene location investigation. They were also detailed to conduct a canvass of the area for potential witnesses.

Investigators Graves and Lankford were detailed to conduct a scene location investigation on Long Beach Boulevard regarding the initial, and earlier observed shooting incident, witnessed by Deputy Cooper. Investigators Graves and Lankford also conducted interviews of Deputy Paul and Deputy Spiropoulos.

## INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS: ***(Items in italics are verbatim statements)***

### Interview of Victim Deputy Richard Conley:

On 05-21-2004 at 0309 hours, Sergeants Marsh and MacArthur conducted an audio recorded interview with Deputy Richard Conley. The audio recording will be maintained as a permanent part of this case file. The following is a summary of the interview:

Victim Conley was assigned to a patrol unit, working in the Lynwood city area. He is a patrol training officer. His partner, V/ Deputy Paul has been with Victim Conley for approximately three weeks.

Prior to the shooting, Victim Conley was driving his marked black and white patrol car west of Long Beach Boulevard, north of the ultimate shooting location. He monitored a radio transmission from Deputy Cooper. Deputy Cooper was requesting any unit(s) to help in a check of the area near his (Cooper's) location. Deputy Cooper advised he had just witnessed a shooting, south of his location on Long Beach Boulevard.

The shooting apparently involved one or two males who shot at a small blue compact car that was driving south on Long Beach Boulevard. Deputy Cooper updated his information, informing the responding deputies that the two males earlier observed, where now running east on possibly Magnolia Avenue. It was unclear if the males were the shooters or if someone from the vehicle had

fired.

Victim Conley said he began driving east on Magnolia Avenue. He was following an additional unit (Deputy Spiropoulos). Victim Conley saw Deputy Spiropoulos travel east to Bullis Road, turn south on Bullis Road and stop.

Victim Conley followed behind and drove around Deputy Spiropoulos' car, continuing southbound. Victim Conley was intending on checking the area of an apartment complex located south of his position on Bullis Road. The apartment complex is a location where "Mob Piru" gang members congregate. There have been recent gang related shootings between "Mob Piru" and "Palm and Oak Crip" gang members. Mob gang members have been shooting at their rivals, then flee to the sanctuary of the apartment complex.

Victim Conley said he was along side of Deputy Spiropoulos' car and looked in his rearview mirror. He saw two male Blacks dressed in baggy, dark clothing. Victim Conley noticed the males had their hands in their pockets or their waistbands. The males were looking in the deputies' direction. Victim Conley advised Deputy Spiropoulos and said he was going to contact the males. Deputy Spiropoulos began backing his radio car north on Bullis Road. Victim Conley began a U-turn.

Victim Conley saw one of the males (Subject [redacted]) raise his hands as the other male (Suspect Daniels) began running east across Bullis Road. Victim Conley drove toward Suspect Daniels. As he drew near the running Suspect Daniels, Daniels attempted to leap over the front of Victim Conley's radio car. Victim Conley saw Suspect Daniels was carrying a large handgun in his right hand.

Suspect Daniels jumped onto the hood of the radio car and slid across the hood. Victim Conley turned the radio car to the right (east). Suspect Daniels slid off the hood and landed on his feet. Victim Conley began exiting the radio car while yelling to Victim Paul, *"He's got a gun, he's got a gun."* Victim Conley exited the car, withdrew his handgun and ordered Suspect Daniels to, *"Stop, drop your gun, turn around so I can see you."* Suspect Daniels ignored Victim Conley's orders and continued to run to the east sidewalk. Victim Conley felt Suspect Daniels was intending on scaling the wrought iron fence on the east side of Bullis Road.

Victim Conley said he did not place the radio car in "park" as he exited. The radio car was slowly rolling in a northeast manner. Victim Conley said, *"Probably within two seconds of him (Suspect Daniels)hitting the fence he turned around and still had the handgun in his right hand... it's, from what I remember, right around his waist level, and as he turns around it's pointed directly towards myself and my partner..... I immediately fire two rounds at him."*

Victim Conley was not certain if he struck Suspect Daniels at the time. Suspect Daniels fell to the sidewalk. Victim Conley was met by Victim Paul.

Victim Conley was able to now place the radio car in "park." Suspect Daniels was on his stomach on the sidewalk.

Suspect Daniels was handcuffed. Victim Conley asked Suspect Daniels where his gun was located. Victim Conley could not see the gun and felt Suspect Daniels may have been lying on the gun. As Suspect Daniels was being patted down, Victim Conley and Victim Paul saw the gun laying east of the fence. Paramedics and an ambulance were requested and assisting deputies arrived.

At this point, Sergeant Marsh pointed out that the shooting scene location was on Bullis Road, [redacted] of Burton Avenue. Burton Avenue is immediately [redacted] of Magnolia Avenue.

Victim Conley said he had mistaken Magnolia Avenue with Burton Avenue. He indicated all references to Magnolia Avenue are, in fact, Burton Avenue.

Victim Conley believed approximately 2-3 minutes passed from the time he began assisting Deputy Cooper and the time of the shooting. Victim Conley said he fired two rounds at Suspect Daniels. Victim Conley said he fired at Suspect Daniels because he felt his life and his partner's life was in danger.

On 11-14-05, Deputy Conley was interviewed at Internal Affairs Bureau in regards to the review of his shooting. Deputy Conley was only able to expand slightly on his interview with Sheriff's Homicide Bureau Investigators. Deputy Conley said that when he and Deputy Spiropoulos drove east on Burton Avenue, before turning south on Bullis Road, neither he, nor Deputy Spiropoulos saw Daniels or [redacted]. Deputy Conley said that when he did see them, he still wasn't certain if they were in fact the shooters.

Deputy Conley said that he tried to positioned his radio car in front of Suspect Daniels to keep him from running behind him, which he felt would have put him (Conley) at a disadvantage. Deputy Conley said that he did not shoot Daniels when he ran across the street, because Daniels never pointed the handgun at him. Deputy Conley said that when Daniels ran to the fence and turned, he saw that Daniels was pointing the handgun at him and that he feared for his life. Deputy Conley said that he doesn't know when Suspect Daniels tossed his gun, but knows that it was after he shot him. Deputy Conley said that possibly after Daniels was shot and went to his knee, he slid the gun under the fence. Deputy Conley said that neither he or his partner, were inside of the fenced in school yard.

## Interview of Victim Deputy Samuel Paul:

On 05-21-2004 at 0359 hours, Detectives interviewed Deputy Samuel Paul from the Century Sheriffs Station. The interview was audio recorded and will be maintained as a permanent part of this file. The following is a summary of Deputy Paul's interview.

Deputy Paul told Detectives that he was assigned unit "212F," with his training officer, Deputy Conley. They were assigned to the early morning shift in the city of Lynwood. Their shift was from [redacted] hours. Deputy Paul told Detectives that he was in his third week of training with Deputy Conley as his training officer. Deputy Paul first told Detectives about some of the routine calls they handled prior to the shooting on Bullis Road. These calls consisted of a stolen vehicle report, investigation of an illegal shooting (246 PC), and a business dispute call.

Deputy Paul told detectives that they were traveling southbound on Long Beach Boulevard, south of the 105 Freeway, when he heard radio traffic over "L-tac." He heard another Sheriffs unit (unit 212T2, Deputy Cooper) asking for other Sheriffs units to check the area around a liquor store on Long Beach Boulevard near Magnolia Avenue, regarding a shooting/assault. Deputy Cooper broadcasted that he was looking for two males that were last seen running eastbound on Magnolia Avenue. At this time, there were no descriptions of the males. Deputy Cooper was also looking for a blue vehicle.

Deputy Paul went on to tell the Detectives that they began to travel eastbound on Magnolia Avenue from Long Beach Boulevard. They were following another Sheriff s unit (unit 212T3). They turned southbound on Bullis Road. At one point, this unit 212T3 pulled next to Deputy Paul's unit. Deputy Paul had mentioned that he was the passenger and his training officer, Deputy Conley was the driver. Deputy Paul did not have a conversation with the other Sheriffs unit. After meeting with the other unit, Deputy Paul stated they went to look for the Sheriffs unit that put out the original broadcast of the shooting on Long Beach Boulevard. Deputy Paul said they continued to travel southbound on Bullis Road when Deputy Conley made a u-turn near Burton Avenue. After making the turn, Deputy Conley said, "Hey look over there, they're probably the two guys." At this time, Deputy Paul said he saw the two suspects that Deputy Conley had pointed out. He then saw one of the suspects run eastbound in front of their radio car. Deputy Conley began to slow down and the suspect jumped on the hood of their radio car. Deputy Paul said at this time he saw the suspect holding a gun in his right hand. Deputy Paul said the suspect slid off the hood of the radio car still holding the gun. Deputy Paul told Detectives that his radio car never really came to a stop and he was not sure if he should jump out of the car or stay inside the car. As the radio car was slowing coming to a stop, Deputy Paul saw his partner (Deputy Conley) get out of the car. Deputy Paul was still seated in the front passenger seat with his door opened. Deputy Paul told Detectives he saw the suspect run to a fence that was about 10 feet tall. Deputy Paul said he was still seated in his radio car and for a few seconds it looked like the suspect was going to try to climb the fence. Deputy Paul said at that time he began to get out of his car, when he heard his partner say, "Watch out he's got a gun, Watch out he's got a gun." Deputy Paul then saw the suspect turn toward them holding the gun around his waistband area. Deputy Paul heard two gunshots and dunked behind his passenger door. Deputy Paul said he was unaware of where the shots were coming from. After a few seconds, Deputy Paul walked back to the rear of their radio car and joined up with his partner, Deputy Conley. Deputy Paul said he approached the suspect. Deputy Paul told Detectives at first he did not see a gun near the suspect. However, later he did see a gun on the ground on the other side of the fence.

Deputy Paul told Detectives that their headlights were on at the time of the incident. He also mentioned that he saw the suspect holding the gun right before the suspect jumped onto the hood of their radio car. Deputy Paul described the sound of the shots as rapid, one after the other.

Deputy Paul said the gun found near the suspect looked similar to the one the suspect was holding prior to the shooting. Deputy Paul said the only other person he saw on the street at the time of the shooting was Deputy Spiropoulos.

On 11-14-05, Deputy Paul was interviewed at Internal Affairs Bureau in regards to the review of his shooting. Deputy Paul confirmed the information he provided during his interview with Sheriff's Homicide Bureau Investigators.

## Interview of Deputy John Spiropoulos:

On 05-21-2004 at 0341 hours, Detectives interviewed Deputy John Spiropoulos in the upstairs conference room. The interview was audio recorded and will be maintained as a permanent part of this file.

Deputy Spiropoulos was assigned to a traffic unit (#212T3, [redacted] hrs.), in the city of Lynwood. This was a one person unit. His "sister unit" was Deputy Cooper who was assigned unit #212T2. At around 2200 to 2205 hours, Deputy Spiropoulos heard Deputy Cooper over his Sheriffs radio (L-tac) requesting units to check the area of Long Beach Boulevard and Magnolia Avenue regarding a 245 (assault). Deputy Cooper broadcasted that one suspect was last seen running eastbound on Magnolia Avenue from Long Beach Boulevard toward Bullis Road. At this time, Deputy Spiropoulos had only heard of the one suspect running, with no physical description. Deputy Cooper also mentioned a vehicle taking off southbound on Long Beach Boulevard at the same time he saw this male running. Deputy Cooper was unable to get a license plate on the vehicle. Deputy Spiropoulos told Detectives that he was close by when Deputy Cooper's request went over the Sheriff s radio. Deputy Spiropoulos began traveling eastbound on Magnolia Avenue from Pine Avenue. When he crossed Long Beach Boulevard, he noticed that Deputy Conley was behind him. Deputy Spiropoulos told Detectives that he continued eastbound on Magnolia Avenue toward Bullis Road with Deputy Conley traveling behind him (Tandem). They turned southbound onto Bullis Road looking for the suspect(s). Just before they got to Burton Avenue, Deputy Conley drove next to Deputy Spiropoulos' vehicle and told him he was going to locate Deputy Copper to see if they could get additional information on the suspect(s). Deputy Spiropoulos told Detectives at that time he saw two males walking eastbound on Burton Avenue and northbound on Bullis Road on the west sidewalk of Bullis Road. Deputy Spiropoulos watched these two males as they began to walk faster and get by his radio car heading north on Bullis Road. Deputy Spiropoulos demonstrated to Detectives the movements of his vehicle on Bullis Road.

Deputy Spiropoulos said he saw one suspect run north and the other suspect run toward the front of his car. When the suspect got to the front of his car near the "push bars," Deputy Spiropoulos saw the suspect had a large frame handgun in his right hand.

Deputy Spiropoulos saw Deputy Conley make a u-turn on Bullis Road to come back to where he was. Deputy Spiropoulos also said he saw the suspect with the gun slide across the hood of Deputy Conley's radio car. Deputy Spiropoulos was concerned that the other suspect, which had run north, was now behind him. He focused his attention on that suspect, and got out of his radio car. He held that suspect at gunpoint just north of his radio car on the west sidewalk. At the same time, he heard Deputy Conley say, "He's got a gun," and then heard two gunshots. Deputy Spiropoulos said the entire incident was fast. When he realized he wasn't struck by the shots he put his suspect in the backseat of his radio car and then checked on Deputy Conley. He said he saw a

handgun laying on the other side of the wrought iron gate on the eastside of Bullis Road. Deputy Spiropoulos thought the gun he saw laying on the ground was the same color of the gun he saw the suspect holding prior to the shooting.

Deputy Spiropoulos added that his lights to his radio car were on, and the sound of the gun fire was a rapid sound.

## SUSPECT STATEMENTS: ***(Items in italics are verbatim statements)***

### Interview of Suspect Christopher Daniels:

On 05-24-2004, at approximately 1145 hrs, Sergeants Marsh and MacArthur arrived at St. Francis Medical Center. Investigators learned earlier in the day, Suspect-Daniels was awake, alert and able to converse. Investigators learned Suspect Daniels was to be transferred from St. Francis Medical Center to the Los Angeles County/USC Medical Center Jail Ward, as soon as there was an available bed.

Investigators contacted Suspect Daniels at his bedside. The contact was audio recorded. The recording will be maintained as a permanent part of this case file. The following is a summary of the interview:

At the beginning of the interview Suspect Daniels was asked if he was aware of his constitutional rights. Suspect Daniels agreed to speak with Investigators without an attorney.

Suspect Daniels said on the night of the incident he was visiting his girlfriend at the apartment complex near Bullis Road and Pine Avenue. Later in the evening, he was on Long Beach Boulevard near a, *"liquor store."* He was attacked by several unknown males. After the attack, he went back to the apartment complex. At the complex he searched for and found a handgun.

He knew where the gang members who frequent the apartment complex (Mob Piru gang members) often *"stash"* weapons. After finding a weapon (a black 9MM semiautomatic handgun) he returned to the Long Beach Boulevard area. He was accompanied by Subject [redacted]. Suspect Daniels arrived on Long Beach Boulevard by walking north on Bullis Road from the apartment complex. He felt he had passed by the earlier area of trouble when he saw the, *"same fools"*, now riding in two separate cars. He described one of the vehicles as an *"older white Monte Carlo."* The other car was described as an, *"older dark tan or brown car."*

Suspect Daniels said after he saw the, *"fools"*, he began shooting at the cars because he, *"knew they had a gun."*

Suspect Daniels believed the shooting occurred, *"about ten o'clock."* After he shot at the cars, Suspect Daniels said he ran back toward Bullis Road on, *"Magnolia or Agnes."*

Suspect Daniels said he, *"got to Bullis and saw the police."* Seeing the police he started to run and, *"threw the gun over the fence."* He continued, *"and I turn around, I tried to hop the fence....I hit*

*the fence and I grab it...and pow, pow."* Suspect Daniels said he did not have the gun in his possession when he was shot. After being shot the two deputies began to hand cuff him. During that time, Suspect Daniels alleged one deputy asked the other if he saw a gun. Suspect Daniels alleged one of the deputies said he did not see a gun.

Suspect Daniels was asked when he met up with Subject [redacted] Suspect Daniels said they met at the apartment complex. Suspect Daniels knew Subject [redacted] was a, *"Bounty Hunter" gang* member, and believed his nickname was *"CK."* Suspect Daniels has known Subject [redacted] for a brief time. Subject [redacted] was not with Suspect Daniels during the first encounter on Long Beach Boulevard. According to Suspect Daniels, Subject [redacted] asked to accompany him during his second incident on Long Beach Boulevard. After the shooting, Subject [redacted] ran with Suspect Daniels, but, *"on the opposite side of the street."* After reaching the corner, Suspect Daniels saw the police and started to run. At that point he no longer saw Subject [redacted].

Suspect Daniels denied pointing the weapon at the deputies. He maintained as he ran after seeing the deputies, the gun was in his left pocket. He brought the gun out of his pocket as he neared the fence and threw it over the fence, *"all in one motion."*

Suspect Daniels believed the entire incident on Bullis Road happened in, *"about five seconds."* Suspect Daniels said he is on active parole. Without additional information, the interview was concluded.

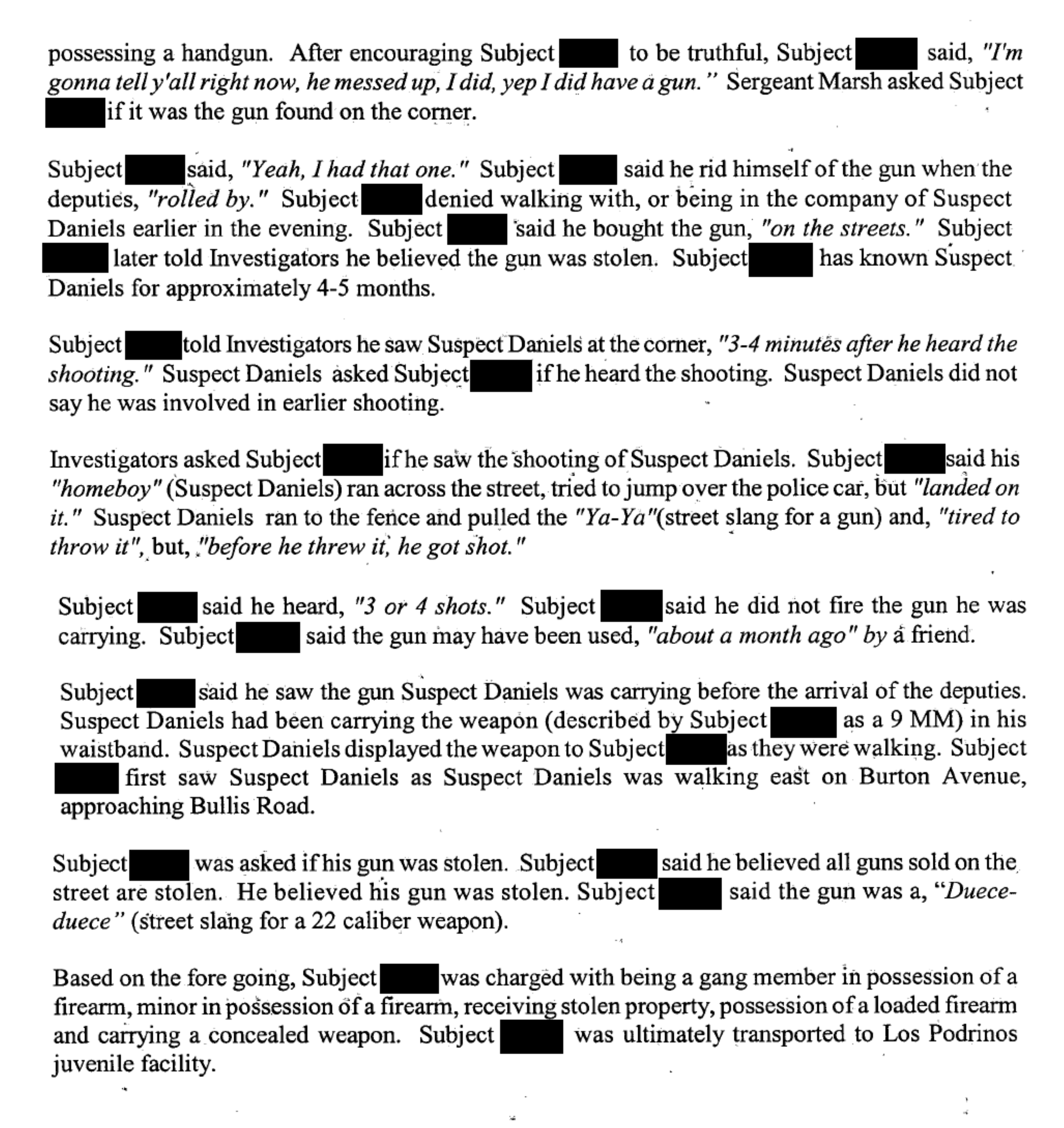
## Interview of Subject [redacted]:

On 05-21-2004 at approximately 0130 hrs, Sergeants Marsh and MacArthur conducted an interview with Subject [redacted]. The interview was conducted within a detention cell at the Century Regional Detention Facility. The interview was audio recorded. The audio recording will be maintained as a permanent part of this case file. The following is a summary of the interview:

Subject [redacted] acknowledged he was a member of the "Bounty Hunters" gang. His gang name was "Twist."

Subject [redacted] said he was at home earlier in the evening. He became involved in an argument with his girlfriend and left the home intending on meeting up with friends. Subject [redacted] said he was walking north on Bullis Road from Orchard Avenue. While walking on Bullis Road, he heard several gunshots. He continued to walk north on Bullis Road and neared the school (Bullis Road and Burton Avenue).

Subject [redacted] said, *"Then I hit the street by the school, I see homeboy (Suspect Daniels) at the corner."* Subject [redacted] asked Suspect Daniels if he heard the shooting. Subject [redacted] said at this time the, "police" showed up. Subject [redacted] immediately stopped walking. Subject [redacted] saw Suspect Daniels run east across Bullis Road. Subject [redacted] said, *"I saw the police shooting him as he threw his gun."* Subject [redacted] said he put his hands up and got on the ground. At this point in the interview Sergeant Marsh asked Subject [redacted] if he, "had a gun." Initially Subject [redacted] denied



possessing a handgun. After encouraging Subject [redacted] to be truthful, Subject [redacted] said, *"I'm gonna tell y'all right now, he messed up, I did, yep I did have a gun."* Sergeant Marsh asked Subject [redacted] if it was the gun found on the corner.

Subject [redacted] said, *"Yeah, I had that one."* Subject [redacted] said he rid himself of the gun when the deputies, *"rolled by."* Subject [redacted] denied walking with, or being in the company of Suspect Daniels earlier in the evening. Subject [redacted] said he bought the gun, *"on the streets."* Subject [redacted] later told Investigators he believed the gun was stolen. Subject [redacted] has known Suspect Daniels for approximately 4-5 months.

Subject [redacted] told Investigators he saw Suspect Daniels at the corner, *"3-4 minutes after he heard the shooting."* Suspect Daniels asked Subject [redacted] if he heard the shooting. Suspect Daniels did not say he was involved in earlier shooting.

Investigators asked Subject [redacted] if he saw the shooting of Suspect Daniels. Subject [redacted] said his *"homeboy"* (Suspect Daniels) ran across the street, tried to jump over the police car, but *"landed on it."* Suspect Daniels ran to the fence and pulled the *"Ya-Ya"*(street slang for a gun) and, *"tired to throw it"*, but, *"before he threw it, he got shot."*

Subject [redacted] said he heard, *"3 or 4 shots."* Subject [redacted] said he did not fire the gun he was carrying. Subject [redacted] said the gun may have been used, *"about a month ago" by* a friend.

Subject [redacted] said he saw the gun Suspect Daniels was carrying before the arrival of the deputies. Suspect Daniels had been carrying the weapon (described by Subject [redacted] as a 9 MM) in his waistband. Suspect Daniels displayed the weapon to Subject [redacted] as they were walking. Subject [redacted] first saw Suspect Daniels as Suspect Daniels was walking east on Burton Avenue, approaching Bullis Road.

Subject [redacted] was asked if his gun was stolen. Subject [redacted] said he believed all guns sold on the street are stolen. He believed his gun was stolen. Subject [redacted] said the gun was a, *"Duece-duece"* (street slang for a 22 caliber weapon).

Based on the fore going, Subject [redacted] was charged with being a gang member in possession of a firearm, minor in possession of a firearm, receiving stolen property, possession of a loaded firearm and carrying a concealed weapon. Subject [redacted] was ultimately transported to Los Podrinos juvenile facility.

## STATUS OF INVESTIGATION:

On 08-16-2004, Suspect Daniels entered into a plea negotiation, pleading guilty to two counts of 245(B) PC, Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Peace Officer and 417 (C ) PC, Exhibiting a Firearm. Suspect Daniels was sentenced to 10 years in the State Prison.